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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, EAID, CG

SUBJECT: PROPOSEL DEAL WITH MOBIL ON PETROLEUM

REF: KINSHASA 7887

1. AS I MENTIONED IN REFTTEL, WILLIAMS AND LEONARD OF MOBIL AND SPINK OF FNCB DISCUSSED OVER AND OVER ALL POSSIBLE PERMUTATIONS OF A CONCEIVABLE PETROLEUM ARRANGEMENT FOR ZAIRE. WILLIAMS IS DUE BACK IN KINSHASA ON SEPTEMBER 10, PRESUMABLY WITH MOBIL'S REPLY TO THE GOZ. I WAS AND AM RESONABLY CONFIDENT THAT MBIL'S REPLY WOULD BE FAVORABLE IF THE DECISION WERE TO BE MADE SOLELY BY SPINK, LEONARD, AND WILLIAMS BUT, OF COURSE, IT IS THEIR RESPECTIVE NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS WHO WILL MAKE THE ULTIMATE DECISION. THEREFORE, IF AMBASSADOR VANCE OR SOMEONE ELSE HAS NOT ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH MOBIL AND FNCB NEW YORK, I URGE THAT IT BE DONE. THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING AN ADEQUATE PETROLEUM SUPPLY FOR ZAIRE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE CAN HARDLY BE OVER-EMPHASIZED. ALREADY THE SUPPLY PIPELINE HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT PRODUCTION, PARTICULARLY IN THE SHABA AREA, WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED EVEN IF MOBIL CONCLUDES AN AGREEMENT WHEN WILLIAMS RETURNS ON THE

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TENTH. FAILURE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH MOBIL WILL

PROBABLY MEAN AN IDEFINITE DELAY UNTIL SOME OTHER  
ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE REACHED THAT WOULD HAVE A  
DISASTROUS EFFECT ON INDUSTRIAL AND MINERAL PRODUCTION.

2. LEONARD TOLD ME PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE THAT THE  
COMPENSATION TALKS DID NOT GO PARTICULARLY WELL. THE  
GOZ REQUESTED NEW DOCUMENTATION AND DID NOT MAKE ANY  
SPECIFIC OFFER. I MENTIONED LEONARD'S DISAAPPOINTMENT  
TO BISENGIMANA AND TOLD HIM THAT MOBIL HAD SPECIFICALLY  
NOT LINKED COMPENSATION WITH SUPPLY AGREEMENT. HOW-  
EVER I STATED THAT IT WAS ONLY LOGICAL THAT THERE BE  
AT LEAST AN INDIRECT CONNECTION AS FAR AS MOBIL WAS  
CONCERNED. BISENGIMANA ASSURED ME THAT HE APPRECIATED  
THE PROBLEM AND THAT HE WOULD HANDLE THIS MATTER  
WITH WILLIAMS WHEN HE RETURNS.  
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